Landmarks

Attractions

Looking for a fabulous vacation destination? Rio de Janeiro, Brazil is the place! It has more visitors than any other South American city. It is a great place for many indoor and outdoor activities.

* Christ Redeemer Statue: It lies 2,330 feet high from sea level.
* Sugar Loaf Mountain: A cable car trip that takes you to the top of the mountain.
* Tijuca Rain Forest: The largest urban forest in the world
* Maracanã Stadium: Open to the public. It even has Pelé’s 1000th goal ball and net!

Places To Go

**Centro: Historic Downtown**

* The heart of the city’s business.
* Paço Imperial

**South Zone: Tourist Friendly**

* The richest region.
* Copocabana Beach- one of the world’s most famous beaches.

**North Zone: Residential**

* Maracanã Stadium
* Home to most Samba schools

**West Zone**

* It resembles American suburbs.
* 2016 Summer Olympics will take place here.

# Rio de Janerio

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* Christ Redeemer
* Crystal Palace
* Forte de Copacabana
* Lapa Arches
* Biblioteca Nacional
* National Museum of Fine Arts
* Rio de Janiero Botanical Garden
* Imperial Square
* Samba City

Where to find Rio?

It is located in South America, in the southeastern region of Brazil. It is home to about 6.1 million people.

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Climate

If you want to get away from the cold, wintery weather, Rio de Janiero is the place for you. The weather all year round is tropical and temperate. The average temperature ranges from 77 degrees to 86 degrees. The best time to visit is around Christmastime. Usually in June, July, and August the weather is dry.

Transportation

There is a safe and clean metro system. There is a system of 440 buses. To get to the surrounding islands there is a ferry and a very fast boat called the hydrofoil boat. The city is working on improving their trains.

Culture

Rio de Janiero has the largest Portuguese culture outside of Portugal. There are different communities throughout the city. The Portuguese, English, and French influence much of the architecture. The city has many cultural events. The most famous event is the Carnival. It is an annual celebration in Roman Catholic tradition. It is celebrated before Lent.

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Sports

The 2016 summer Olympics will be held here, primarily in the West Zone. It is the first South American city to host this worldwide event. In 2014, the FIFA World Cup will occur at Maracanã Stadium.

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The most popular sport is soccer or as the natives call it, football. Other popular sports are beach soccer, beach volleyball, beach American football, motor racing, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and rowing.

Food

Do not leave Rio before you try: pão de quejo, pastel, Marius Degustare, and Confeitaria Colombo. There are many other restaurants with beautiful views.

History and Language

* Portuguese explorers founded Rio de Janiero in 1502.
* The name means “River of January”.
* Rio became popular because of it’s sugar cane.
* It is the capital of Brazil.
* The second largest city in Brazil.
* Portuguese is the main language spoken.
* Other languages include English, Spanish, and French.

